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A large number of porcelain and glassware enterprises continue to put low-grade products on the market. On 16 June 1951, the "Kitka" (Bouquet) Factory, passed Grade 2 and Grade 3 porcelain as Grade 1 without observing the specifications regarding the quality of the products. In April 1951, to dispose of its low-grade products, the management of the "Kitka" Factory sold to hawkers, craftsmen, gypsies, etc., at low prices, more than 6 freight carloads of porcelain and glassware. This merchandise had been previously rejected and stored in the factory yard.

On 23 April 1951, a load of 30 dozen water glasses manufactured by the "St. Iv. Peev" Factory was received in Sofia. Seven dozen of these glasses were broken. The acceptance commission determined that the breakage occurred in the process of applying the trademark.

On 25 May 1951, the Sofia branch of the "Kolstok" State Commercial Enterprise received from the Sofia "Stuklo" (Glass) State Industrial Enterprise 3,946 glass chimneys for kerosene lamps, of which 1,613 did not correspond to the prescribed qualifications. These kerosene chimneys had bent bases and did not fit the holders.

On 14 April 1951, the "Kitka" Factory at Novi Pazar sent to the "Kolstok" Enterprise at Pleven 1,330 water pitchers, 502 of which had deep cracks near the handle.

In checking on the quality of a load of merchandise sent by the Glass Factory at Gorna Banya, it was found that of the ten water pitchers marked Grade 1, four did not correspond to specifications for that grade. All of the water pitchers had wide and crooked mouths, varying thicknesses, and rough-grained surfaces. Of the 500 dozen water glasses sent by the same factory, at least 50 percent did not correspond to specifications for high-grade merchandise.

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The "1 May" Ceramics Factory delivered to the "Kolstok" Enterprise at Pleven 20,450 porcelain products, of which only 2,346 were more or less serviceable. The rest did not conform to quality specifications and were returned to the factory.

Especially inferior products are turned out by the "V. Kolarov" Factory at Sliven. The glass products manufactured by this factory crack on the store shelves, because they are not well baked. During a period of about one month in the "Narmag" (People's Store) at Burgas cracked glassware costing more than 44,000 leva was discovered. The glass cake plates, 80 dozen in all, sent by this factory to the "Narmag" at Burgas had rough surfaces, bent bases, and varying dimensions.

On 16 April 1951, the "Stalin" State Industrial Enterprise at Vidin sent to the "Kolstok" Enterprise at Botevgrad a freight carload of porcelain which was wholly defective, although it was classified as Grade 3 merchandise. The "Kolstok" Enterprise has asked that this merchandise be billed with a 50-percent reduction of price.

A large number of enterprises do not meet their contractual obligations. For instance, the "Stalin" Enterprise at Vidin was supposed to deliver to the "Kolstok" Enterprise, during the second quarter of 1951, various tea sets and other products. In spite of its obligation, the enterprise has delivered much less than the amount called for by the contract.

Many more cases could be cited to support the contention that it is a common occurrence for low-grade porcelain and glassware to reach the market.

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